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Wednesday Evening,

July 2, 1855.

Dear Friend:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Higginson, dated at Detroit, stating that he is on his way to Chicago, in regard to Kansas matters, and, therefore, deeply to his regret, it will not be in his power to be at our Framingham celebration on the 4th. This will be a serious disappointment to many, and I feel very sorry, almost sad, about it. Now, you intend to rest on the 4th - you ought to have rest - and ought not to be importuned to the contrary. - But - but - what shall we do? Who but yourself can fill the va-

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caney thus unexpectedly made? ~~but~~
~~yourself?~~ Will you have compas-
sion on the multitude, and come
and give us half an hour's talk
(we will not ask for a formal
speech) at the Grove on the 4th,
either at our forenoon or afternoon
service, as may be most conve-
nient for you? You shall make
your visit as brief as you please;
only show us the light of ^{your} counte-
nance, and let us have a word
from your mouth; especially in
view of our great perplexity, arising
from the absence of Mr. Higginson.

"And as in duty bound, will
ever pray."

Yours, in joy and in trouble,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Rev. Theodore Parker



